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## REQUEST

FOR

## CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

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Application Number	09/486,787
Filing Date	March 2, 2000
First Named Inventor	Hart, et al.
Group Art Unit	2683
Examiner Name	Miller, Brandon J.
Attorney Docket Number	190251-1850

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCE's (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

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- a. ☐ Previously Submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
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- ii. ☐ Other:
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- iv. ☐ Other:
2. ☐ Miscellaneous
- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required).
- b. ☐ Other:
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Signature		Date	5-25-05

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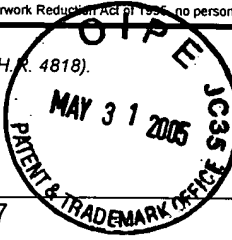
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**For FY 2005****Complete if Known**

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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27**TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$790.00)**☐ Check ☒ Credit Card ☐ Money Order ☐ None ☐ Other (please identify):☐ Deposit Account Deposit Account Number: **20-0778** Deposit Account Name: **Thomas, Kayden, Horstemeyer Risley, L.L.P.**

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Application Type	Filing Fees		Search Fees		Examination Fees		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	0
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	0
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	0
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	0
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	0

**2. EXCESSIVE CLAIM FEES****Fee Description**

Each claim over 20 or, for Reissues, each claim over 20 and more than in the original patent

Each independent claim over 3 or, for Reissues, each independent claim more than in the original patent

Multiple dependent claims

Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee(\$)
50	25
200	100
360	180

<b>Total Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
16	-20 or HP = 0	50	0

<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b>
<b>Fee (\$)</b> <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
360 0

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if great than 20

<b>Indep. Claims</b>	<b>Extra Claims</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
3	-3 or HP = 0	200	0

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If the specification and drawings exceed 100 sheets of paper, the application size fee due is \$250 (\$125 for small entity) for each additional 50 sheets or fraction thereof. See 35 USC 41(a)(1)(G) and 37 CFR 1.16(s)

<b>Total Sheets</b>	<b>Extra Sheets</b>	<b>Number of each additional 50 or fraction thereof</b>	<b>Fee (\$)</b>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
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**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other: RCE

<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b>
0
<b>790.00</b>

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